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Ash program seeks to 'wake' forests

*Work being done in Muskoka
and Haliburton would return
calcium to soils and lakes*

JENN WATT

Editor

A legacy of acid rain, falling calcium levels in some forests and lakes has put pressure on the entire ecosystem, slowing the growth of trees and their ability to capture carbon and endangering calcium-rich aquatic lifeforms.

It's a process Norman Yan, a research scientist and board member of Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, calls "ecological osteoporosis."

"Every living creature needs calcium ... but our watersheds have lost roughly half a tonne of calcium per hectare over the last 70 years because of acid rain," Yan told lake representatives during the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations meeting on June 8.

"Because of that, calcium, no longer nitrogen, is often limiting the growth of forests on the Canadian Shield in eastern Canada. ... The metaphor I use is our forests are asleep in the winter, but they're now not fully awake in the summer. They're kind of napping in the summer

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Soaring through the sky

Haliburton's Colin Glecoff performs a Brie Whip trick – jump off the scooter, flip it up, over and around the body, and then twist it in hand, and land – on Saturday, June 22 at the Haliburton Junction Skate Park in Haliburton. Colin is a regular user of the skate park, located at 728 Mountain Street, which held a Go Skate Day event competition the day earlier. /DARREN LUM Staff

Broadband tops Scott's list as she takes new role

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has been named the Minister of Infrastructure, switching

portfolios with Monte McNaughton who takes over the Minister of Labour position Scott has occupied since June of 2018.

"I'm proud and excited to take on the new responsibilities as Minister of Infrastructure, and I'm very grateful for the Premier's support," Scott wrote in an

email to the *Echo*. "I'll have more to say about infrastructure priorities in the coming days, but I wanted to let you know, our government for the people is making historic infrastructure investments and I'm pleased to lead these

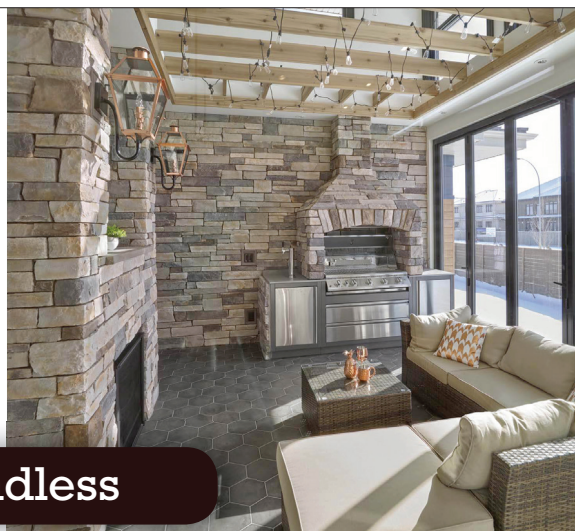
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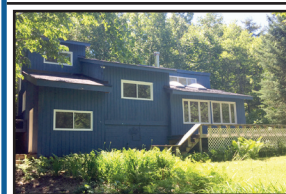
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Downtown Art

Above, volunteer Angus Sullivan and artist Marianne Reim help assemble her piece, "Das Buch XXIII" inspired by her trip to Japan for the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition on June 20. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

Right, artist Tonya Hart's "Girl at the Fountain" is made from alabaster and can be bought for \$2,800 at the end of the exhibition in October. Hart says there are three versions of the sculpture, with the final one presented in downtown Haliburton for the joint collaboration between the Haliburton BIA and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest that showcases six sculptures every year.



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Police investigating McCaslim Lake death

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Police are investigating a death on McCaslim Lake in Highlands East after a small aluminum fishing boat carrying three people capsized on June 22 leaving one man dead.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and emergency crews responded to the capsized boat just after 5 p.m. on Saturday. While two occupants in the boat were able to use a lifejacket found floating on top of the water to safely return to shore, police report the third male disappeared under the surface, and efforts at that time to locate the man were unsuccessful.

The body of Jeffrey Daniel St-Cyr, 36 years old, from Oshawa was located on June 23 by OPP members from the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.

Safety equipment was on board the capsized vessel, however lifejackets were not worn by the occupants.

A post-mortem was scheduled for June 24.

Man charged in Haliburton homicide

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The OPP are investigating a homicide that took place in Haliburton Village in the early hours of Tuesday, June 18.

Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to a house along Highland Street just after 1 a.m., where they found the body of a deceased male, identified as Robert James Brown, 49, of Haliburton.

According to a release from the OPP, 33-year-old Norman Hart has since been arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

The investigation is ongoing.

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Scott says past year has been ‘incredibly rewarding’

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efforts on behalf of Ontario and of course the people of my riding Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.”

She added: “One of the first things I look forward to pushing for in my new portfolio is the expansion of the broadband network, bringing 21st century service to rural areas.”

The second major cabinet shuffle in Doug Ford’s time as premier saw several changes to high-profile cabinet positions on June 20.

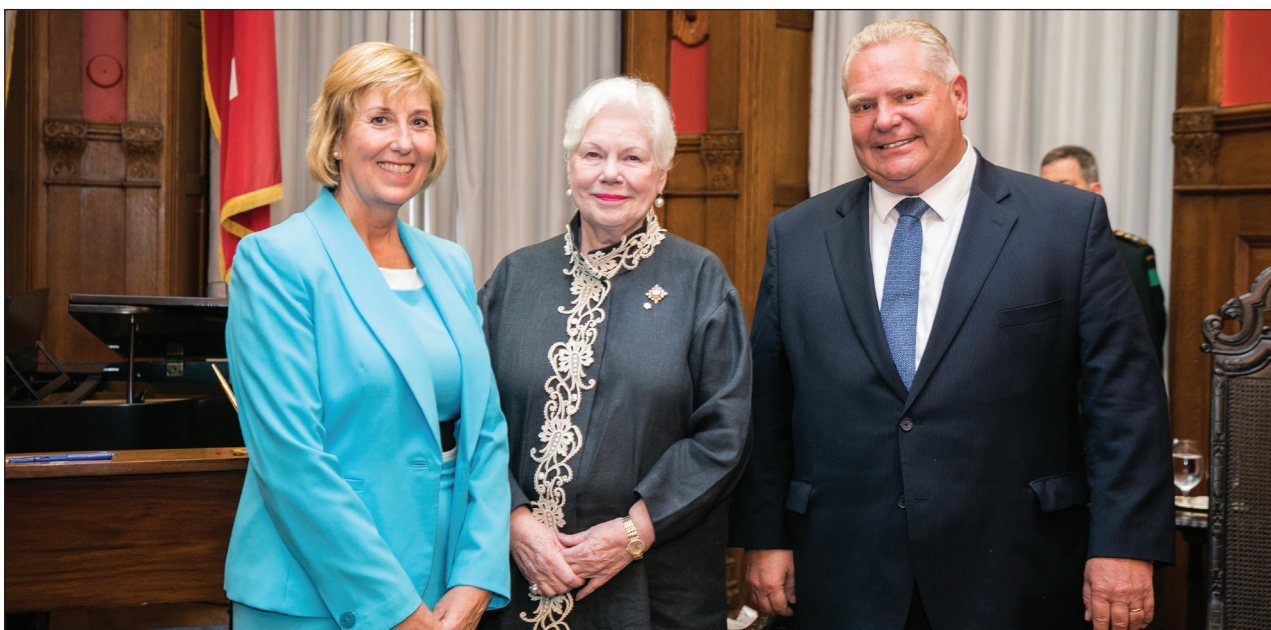
“These changes will ensure that the Government of Ontario will effectively continue with its agenda of creating good jobs, supporting small businesses, putting more money in people’s pockets and restoring trust and accountability in government, while also protecting what matters most through sound investments in health care and education,” reads a press release from the office of the premier on June 20.

After the announcement, Ford told media: “I can tell you after a year in office, we made some changes ... to make sure we have the right people, in the right place, at the right time, to move forward in year two.”

Caroline Mulroney, who served as attorney general, is now responsible for the ministry of transportation and continues on the francophone affairs portfolio. Doug Downey has been named attorney general.

Vic Fedeli, Ford’s finance minister who oversaw the release of the provincial budget in April this year, was demoted to minister of economic development, job creation and trade. Rod Phillips becomes Minister of Finance.

Lisa Thompson, who was education minister, was demoted to government and consumer services, while Stephen Lecce takes the minister of education role, and



MPP Laurie Scott was named Minister of Infrastructure in the cabinet shuffle June 20. From left, Scott, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and Premier Doug Ford. /Photo supplied by the office of MPP Laurie Scott

Lisa MacLeod, formerly minister of children, community and social services, is now minister of tourism, culture and sport. Todd Smith has been named minister of children, community and social services.

With some additional changes and additions, the Ford cabinet has grown in size from 21 to 28 ministers and associate ministers.

The Ford government has been controversial, facing negative publicity due in part to a plan to change autism services; the end of cap-and-trade; funding cuts to education and increases to class sizes; wide spending cuts to services including legal aid, public health, library services; increased access to alcohol; and behaviour by MPPs that includes participating in scripted social media campaigns and an abundance of standing ovations in the Ontario Legislature.

Scott was first elected to be HKLB MPP in 2003. “As Minister of Labour, two of her top priorities are combatting human labour trafficking, and strengthening the role of women in our economy,” reads Scott’s website. “For 15 years, Laurie has been a strong advocate for issues facing rural Ontario. Last fall, she passed legislation to protect rural fire halls and promote public safety in small communities by ending the unfair perse-

cution of double hatters. She has also made key labour reforms that have spurred job creation across the province.”

The day of the announcement, Scott wrote to the *Echo*: “This past year has been incredibly rewarding and I’m proud to say the changes I had the honour of leading as Minister of Labour alongside Premier Ford and our entire PC team has made Ontario open for business and open for jobs. Since the election last year Ontario has created more than 190,000 jobs. And here at home, our region is seeing new jobs being created and job growth of over 3.5 per cent. This and the changes around volunteer firefighters, have had an enormous positive impact on our community.”

McNaughton posted a photo of the new cabinet to social media an hour after the announcement, saying he was “humbled to be sworn in as Minister of Labour in the Ontario government under Premier Doug Ford.”

Ford’s last cabinet shuffle took place in November 2018, four months into his time as premier. The Ontario legislature is currently on an extended break, returning Oct. 28 after the federal election on Oct. 21, rather than the usual break to Sept. 9.

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One of the first things I look forward to pushing for in my new portfolio is the expansion of the broadband network, bringing 21st century service to rural areas.

— Laurie Scott

HKLB Liberals choose federal candidate

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Liberal riding association for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has chosen its candidate for the fall federal election.

Judi Forbes was set to be acclaimed during a nomination meeting in Lindsay on the evening of June 26.

As per party rules, Forbes was unavailable for interviews before the nomination meeting.

Currently the owner of a bed and breakfast in Beaverton, Forbes worked in the financial services industry and is a former senior bank manager. Born in Kitchener and a longtime resident of Don Mills, she relocated to the riding eight years ago.

“As the owner of Moorlands Bed and Breakfast in Beaverton, and a former bank senior manager, Judi has a deep understanding of the daily challenges faced by families in our region,” reads a release from the riding association. “She understands the need to develop skills and create good jobs for continuous economic renewal. A

great listener and full of energy, Judi is committed to be a champion and trusted voice for the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

“Judi and her family have long worked, gone to school and vacationed in this region - enjoying our beautiful open spaces, pristine lakes, and pastoral settings. Eight years ago, they chose to make their home here on Lake Simcoe, near Beaverton, while actively contributing to our friendly, hard working and energetic community. As a passionate volunteer dedicated to helping others, Judi currently chairs the board of a local nursing home and is on the board with the Brock Board of Trade. In the past, Judi has been a volunteer and helped raise funds for Habitat for Humanity, Engineers Without Borders, the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Cancer Society.”

Forbes, who holds a BA from McMaster University, is a mother and grandmother. She, along with NDP candidate Barbara Doyle, a Lindsay-based activist, will take on incumbent Conservative MP Jamie Schmale in the Oct. 21 election. Schmale, who was the longtime executive assistant to former MP Barry Devolin, was first elected to Parliament in 2015.



Judi Forbes is the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal nominee for the upcoming federal election. /Photo provided

Wood ash recycling program would be a first

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because they're limited by calcium. And because lakes conduct calcium from forest soils, calcium levels in lakes are falling in Muskoka by about 25 per cent."

Although much of the research done on the project has involved Muskoka, data collected for CHA's recently released Lake Health Report shows that of the 118 Haliburton lake basins, 17 per cent have a "calcium level low enough where calcium rich animals in those lakes are at risk."

Yan described the problem in terms of a bank account. Deposits made into the account come from the weathering of rock, dust and precipitation, glacial history and human inputs. Withdrawals are made as trees take in the calcium as they grow; when land is cleared; and mostly through acid rain. Although the rain falling today is much less acidic than it was in the 1970s, the damage done has left some areas depleted of calcium; a problem that won't self-correct for hundreds of years, if not longer.

"We can take collective action to solve

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We can take collective action to solve this problem.

— Norman Yan



Researcher Norman Yan meets with a member of the audience following his talk at the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations on June 8 at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall. Yan discussed Ash Muskoka's work in collecting residential wood ash for use in boosting calcium levels in forests and lakes. /JENN WATT Staff

this problem," Yan said.

Ash Muskoka received Ontario Trillium Foundation funding to launch Canada's first non-industrial wood ash recycling program, which is to include the Haliburton Highlands along with Muskoka.

Through the program, volunteers donate the wood ash they would be disposing of anyway, which will then be spread in designated forests, enhancing

tree growth and leading to improved levels in adjacent lakes.

"Ash is essentially all of the minerals that were in the soil," Yan explained. "When you burn firewood, you're burning off the part of the tree that came from the air and rainwater and largely what's left behind in the ash is what came from the soil."

Non-industrial wood ash is about 30

per cent calcium with metal levels below those of industrial wood ash. Yan said 300 tonnes of wood ash is produced in Muskoka from private citizens, which is enough for the preliminary stages of the project.

"It should allow sugar bushes to be healthier. It should increase carbon capture by forests by as much as 50 per cent. And if we figure out the right doses, the trees will be OK and there will be enough calcium left over for the lakes. And we hope to develop what would then be a novel recycling program for Canada with Muskoka and hopefully you guys showing the way once again," he said.

The project will determine what doses of ash are needed and prove their benefits in three sugar bushes at first. The goal is to then take that knowledge and apply it to a 10 to 15 hectare catchment using larger volumes of ash, going on to foster ash recycling in Parry Sound and Haliburton.

There have been challenges along the way. Yan said they've been looking into how to engage the public and ensure there is follow-through on ash donation. Education also must be done for those donating ash to ensure it's clean, new and dry.

In Haliburton, CHA has been a partner, with chair Paul MacInnes serving on the stakeholder advisory committee.

"Ecological osteoporosis is the most widespread problem in Muskoka and we now know it affects 17 per cent of the lakes in Haliburton," Yan concluded. "So, if that is enough of a concern to you collectively ... then I think we can work together to help solve this problem."

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Inter-library loan service remains suspended due to unclear funding

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Staff Reporter

An inter-library loan service, allowing county residents to request and have delivered materials from outside the Haliburton County Public Library's collection, will remain suspended locally for the time being.

As previously reported, the spring's provincial budget included a 50 per cent funding reduction to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS), which operated the inter-library loan program, and which ceased the service immediately in mid-April.

The inter-library loan system allowed the Haliburton County Public Library, which has a relatively small collection, to supply patrons with materials from outside of the county, those materials brought to local branches by van.

The cancellation of the service led to widespread public outcry among library users throughout the province and while the service is resuming, it's under a different model than before, a model that will

likely place increased cost on municipal taxpayers.

"Although inter-library loan services are resuming, SOLS is shifting to a different model that relies upon the Canada Post library materials postage rate, with a partial provincial subsidy . . ." reads a statement from the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries. "This change puts Ontario out of step with other Canadian provinces, most of which fully subsidize inter-library loan in recognition of the important role it plays in ensuring equity of access and cost-effectiveness for public libraries in small, rural, remote and Indigenous communities."

"I don't think they anticipated the public outcry," said Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan. As Sullivan explained, the inter-library loan service included the facilitation of software allowing librarians to search and locate materials from libraries throughout the province, as well the provision of the physical delivery service.

"So, the software was unavailable to us," Sullivan said, explaining that it has now been re-activated.

However, the issue remains the physical delivery of materials to the library's branches. While SOLS has set aside \$340,000 for reimbursement to 153 libraries for associated costs, it's unclear at this time how much each library might actually receive.

"So, basically they're asking us to spend money without knowing what we're going to be reimbursed," Sullivan said.

Also, using Canada Post would entail library staff members physically transporting materials between the library and the post office.

"The biggest problem for us with Can-

ada Post is it's a huge amount of staff time," Sullivan said. She intends to include the cost of operating the service in her 2020 budget request, which will pass through the library board, and then to Haliburton County council. The county is the majority funder of the library. The cost of running the program for a year is estimated to be roughly in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Until budget time next year, it seems likely the service will remain suspended.

"Basically, right now, my decision is that we can't afford to do it, and do it equitably," Sullivan said.

Participants chosen for rally abroad

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

TravelMaven's Barry Devolin and the Haliburton Rotary have chosen two Haliburton residents to send to the World Youth Rally in South Korea July 14 to 19.

Rebecca Anderson and Kelsey Crowe

have been chosen to participate in the international initiative.

"TravelMaven and Haliburton Rotary had five excellent candidates for this international program, and regret we could only sponsor two of these five impressive young women," wrote Devolin. "I'm excited Kelsey and Rebecca will get to visit my Korean hometown. Hope they love it!"



All in a name

From left, owners Clay and Amy Glecoff, of the newly re-named Glecoff's Family Store (formerly V and S) stand with Sandra and Andy Glecoff, as part of an unveiling on Wednesday, June 19 in Haliburton. The store's changes, which were based off close to seven months of work, including marketing research, include the design of a new logo (a maple leaf with the silhouette of a pinetree inside of it), website and accompanying signage. Clay said he hopes the store can become a destination, similar to the Robinson's General Store in Dorset. See story in next week's *Echo*. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Annual aspirations

THE WEEK leading up to Canada Day is always one filled with anticipation, celebration and often relief. It's the week when students at all of the county's schools prepare to say goodbye to the staff and teachers with two months of sunny skies and hot temperatures ahead of them.

It's the week when some of those students will be preparing to say a final farewell to their schools as they graduate onto new schools, new jobs, and new adventures.

And this year, the week will be punctuated with a celebration of Canada.

For many, Canada Day is imbued with meaning – and for many others it's simply a much-needed day off work to spend with family.

What it should be is our annual occasion to be aspirational about the place we live.

We can and should take time to think about the things that make this country great and need our protection. We can take measures to safeguard our environment from pollution. We can demand that Canada is a global leader in slowing the pace of climate change. We can join efforts to ensure our lakes and forests are healthy and strong.

We can remind ourselves that everywhere we travel from coast to coast to coast has a past that pre-dates us. We can hon-

our the Indigenous peoples who have been here for thousands of years. For those of us not part of an Indigenous culture, we can learn from them and raise our voices in concert with theirs asking for fair treatment, safety and respect.

We can treasure our democratic institutions by paying attention to what our politicians have to say and letting them know what we think. This year is the federal election – this is

our chance as citizens to give our government a report card. Have we been well represented? Has our government been living up to our expectations? This year we go to the ballot boxes to let them know.

We can look out for those who need assistance and find ways to provide more for those who

are struggling. We can recognize our fellow Canadians – and human beings around the world – as being worthy of the same basic rights as we have and support work to make that happen, whether through funding for education, proper sanitation and health care, accessibility, or child care.

Just as we use New Year's Day to make resolutions for the year to come, we can see Canada Day as an opportunity to reflect on what we have, what we mean to one another, and how we as individuals can make things better.



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by Darren Lum

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I SUGGEST TO my yoga students, "let the beauty that you love be who you are." Rumi wrote it and knew that love is stronger than hate. And being loving, cultivating love takes practice. Love has a higher vibration than hate or fear or doubt, and can be powerful in every situation in life.

In yoga we talk about having the intention of cultivating love, inner peace and kindness in our hearts as we practice. We don't always feel that way, or get it right in every pose or class but it is our intention. Over time we keep holding that intention and then we take that into our lives.

A great way to begin the practice is to simply love the fact that our body is breathing. We are all breathing every day all day, and there is nothing not to love about it. Without the breath we would die. We never want to take it for granted. Each of us can love feeling the breath move in the body, or love the speed of it, or love all the parts of the body that are making it happen.

Focusing on that love builds an attitude of gratitude. And from gratitude we foster kindness and inner peace. And then we take that into our day and to all of our interactions.

I heard a song recently that said "everything good starts from the inside out." All the good things start in the heart and resonates from there. Having a practice where we turn off the outside world, and open our inner vision can be very useful in reminding us

of our own inner love, kindness, compassion and gratitude.

There are so many examples of people who radiate big hearts in our community. Sue Rae works at Stuart Baker Elementary School as an educational assistant. She has been an EA for over 20 years. Prior to that she worked at Wee Care for 11 years, and prior to that she worked for the Resource Centre which became CHACE and Early Years Centre. For more than

30 years Sue has been working with young children and if you talk to any of her peers they will tell you that she is an angel. She loves the kids and is kind and patient and has so much fun with them. How lucky are the kids that have had her as their caregiver.

Every kid wants to be loved. Sue and Katie Bjelis just won awards from the Five Counties

Children's Service for their outstanding work with children. They were given the awards last week in Peterborough. I am sure that all the children and parents would want to thank both of these women.

Our children are precious. Every parent wants their child to be successful and it takes caring people to make that happen. My daughter Madeline wrote her last high school exam on Friday. She did a victory lap and had the most fantastic year. Madeline loves learning and has had so many great teachers. She is ready to take on the world! Thanks to everyone who makes our school system great!

Tales from
the great



lynda
shadbolt

Green meadow

points of view

My Moby Dick

ON OPENING day of bass season I experienced what is quite likely the punishment awaiting a fly angler in hell.

I was fishing from shore and to cast to the waters I wanted to fish, my only option was to fish from atop a culvert – which coincidentally, sounds like a great name for my next dog.

Culverts are great for fly anglers because they generally provide a clear deck from which to work a forward and back cast. Also, you are above the water and, with polarized glasses can easily see into the depths below, which means you can set the hook as soon as your fly disappears.

It is a perfect set up – until you hook a big fish.

But then again, who expects to do that?

That's probably the reason why when I cast near a big log, a very big largemouth bass rose and took my streamer fly.



steve
galea

Loon Tales

Call me paranoid, but I truly believe that before a big bass does this, she looks to other bored bass in the area and says, "Watch this." I believe they know there is no way on earth that an angler standing atop a culvert is going to land a heavy fish.

In fact, I believe, they think they have a better chance of landing us. And they are not wrong.

The fight went something like this.

She pulled hard. I set the drag. We tussled for a while and finally, when we both thought we had the other under control, we stared each other down, separated by six feet of water and air.

The bass was directly below me. I was directly above it. That's when a thought, which always occurs too late, occurred to me.

"Now what?" I muttered.

There was no way I would be able to winch it up with a fly rod and light leader.

So I gave the bass a dirty look and it reciprocated.

There is always one moment in every fishing trip when the angler realizes that the best and most intelligent thing to do would be to sell all his or her fishing gear and take up badminton. This was that moment.

But you get over it. So I decided to try to hang onto the lively bass and my fly rod with one hand and reach for my net with the other. Then, I thought I would try to scurry down a steep slope of loose rocks to the water's edge, while simultaneously playing the heavy fish and reaching terminal velocity. Then, if I managed to stop at the water's edge, I would land it.

It seemed like a good idea at the time. The bass, however, had a plan of its own.

As I reached for the net, it made a hard head shake and pulled and broke my leader – as well as my heart.

I'm only relaying this because, should any angler catch a largemouth bass which has a chartreuse and white Clouser minnow streamer and three or more feet of leader attached to it, I'd rather not know.

For that fish is now my Moby Dick and I will fish those waters again, from atop that culvert until I hook and catch it – or fall in trying.

I consider it a point of honour. The point is I now have a very good reason to fish for the rest of the season.

Aside from the fact that I look awful in badminton shorts, I mean.



pic of the past

Ah, summer! This photo is of the golf course boat at the Chateau Woodland docks. The back of the photo reads: Bessie Southcombe, George Southcombe, Elwood Reeve and John Oldfield.

letters to the editor

Awards appreciation

To the Editor,

Congrats on placing first for Best Editorial Page by the Canadian Community Newspaper Awards earlier this month...well deserved!

I've always enjoyed reading your take on issues that matter to us in the Haliburton Highlands!

Dave Allen
Haliburton

The wild frontier

To the Editor,

In the early '50s, when I became an early teen, Haliburton was definitely the place to be. As kids we imagined ourselves just about anything we wanted to be and seemed free as a bird to go anywhere, try anything. Anything "Davy Crocket, the Frontiersman" was in vogue then, coon-skin hat and all and many of us reckoned we were much like him. With Davy in mind and in keeping with our imitations, Gary and I braved going into the bush – quite deeply, as I remember; we spent two nights under the stars. Gary whittled me a spoon so I could eat beans like a movie-cowboy from a can I'd brought. Unlike the movies, we needed bug-spray and other concoctions to keep the

hordes of blackflies and mosquitoes at bay. Nothing really worked completely; the best we could come up with was to lean a bunch of branches against a rock for shelter and build a smudge fire to discourage the squadrons of mosquitoes. To discourage blackflies, it helped to have the smell of smoke on you, stay unwashed as much as possible, don't use make-up, perfume, deodorant or nice smelling soap. Bugs like you when you wash and smell nice.

It seems curious now but at that time, parents never interfered or questioned our two- to three-day outings into the bush; there was never a concern of encountering a bear or wolves or getting lost. We knew enough to always go with a partner, always swim with a buddy, never alone and

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My name is Nick and I am a drug addict and alcoholic

IT IS ACTUALLY good for me to say that in case I have forgotten all that I have been through and how far I have come. I have spent four out of my last 19 months of continuous sobriety in medical and rehabilitation facilities to treat the disease of addiction that I suffer from. The farther I am from that last drink and drug, the farther I am from the insanity that marked my life in full blown addiction. My daily stability depends on a maintenance program that addresses my physical, mental and spiritual health. I live my life one day at a time and just for today I choose not to take that first drink or drug. For me, one is too many and a thousand is never enough. I am practising abstinence.



Nick Adams

having it affect any other part of their life and so it is unfair to think that a person's decision to use alone makes them an alcoholic or addict.

For many years I didn't see my alcohol and substance use as a problem. I suppose it was because I looked around in high school and it seemed like everyone else was doing it. And I looked around in university and it seemed like everyone was doing it. And I looked around in my working life and recreation and it seemed to me that everyone was doing it. And the world went on, the sun rose, and it set. As the years went by, my unmanageability got worse. Looking back, I can see that there had been problems from the start. I had always looked forward to using substances. There was this anticipation that was almost as intoxicating as the act of getting drunk or high

itself.

I didn't realize that I had also developed a physical dependence to alcohol during this prolonged period of excessive drinking and stopping abruptly threw my body into a state of withdrawal that was quite unpleasant. This wasn't explained to me during those first 10 or so years of my alcohol and then drug infused life. Those things that I loved so much, that I so clearly declared allegiance to, were robbing me of my senses and robbing me of a chance at a future. I didn't see that

the mental obsession and the physical dependence for drugs and alcohol were ruling everything that I was doing. The need to embrace that which was destroying me was also causing me to do all kinds of things that were terribly wrong – driving drunk, lying and stealing being among the worst and most frequent. I didn't like the person I had become.

It is said that addiction is the only disease that requires self-diagnosis before treatment can begin. I first identified my drinking as being a problem in 2002. After going to a few counselling appointments, I declared myself well enough to not need any more. I was able to abstain from drinking for just over a year, and then the first drink led me down a road of five more years of problematic substance abuse. I went back to counselling in 2008 and entered in to my first inpatient rehabilitation facility in 2009.

I never quite bought in to the idea that I wouldn't be able to use drugs or drink "normally" again. And so, the first drink happened again in 2011. By 2016 I found myself in a full-blown relapse, using substances daily to cope with everyday stresses. I made things worse by hiding my problem from all the people who were closest to me. The guilt and shame of living a double life became too much for me to bear and I thought about ending my life. This terrible disease wreaks havoc on a person's mental health, especially those like me who suffer from depression and anxiety already. I am one of the lucky ones. I reached out for help and I

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For me, one is too many and a thousand is never enough.

am getting better.

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Nick Adams is the Media and Communications Worker for the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy. Through a series of weekly columns, Nick will discuss how the Drug Strategy is reducing the harms and stigma around substance use in our communities, and will offer a unique perspective to the various weekly topics by sharing his own personal experience.

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Students give back to the arts community

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The beauty and expression of art is the foundation of organizing work done by two Grade 7 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. Annika Posti and Autumn Winder have organized for several months raising money for the Artist in the School and Community Program, which is coordinated by the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands.

It's about exposing more children to art, Autumn said. "I feel like a lot of people out there who want to do art, can't. They don't have the opportunity so we just wanted to give back to make sure they have the opportunity to do art and really cool art," she said.

Annika and Autumn, as well as Grade 6 student Jackson Titus, are the engine in the global issues committee at JDHES.

The yearlong effort raised \$471 through a Valentine's Day dance, Christmas Elf Drive (pay to receive services from people), and Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, which had 180 students participating.

The pair went into town promising those who donated they and their peers would pick up one piece of trash for every five cents donated, which resulted in \$144 being raised. They expect to continue their trash collection this summer until they reach 3,000 pieces (the estimate now is at 2,000).

Artist in the School and Community Program co-ordinator Charlene McConnell accepted the cheque on behalf of the program on Wednesday, June 19.

"We have not received a donation from students before and I think that this is an amazing contribution, especially with the decline of volunteerism in general. For students to take this on at their own initiative and to choose to fundraise and donate to arts experiences for others in their age group is truly commendable and speaks well for the future of our community," she wrote in an email.

"It's fantastic to know that these young people at JDH appreciated their arts workshops over the years and have taken steps to help continue the program. I hope they will have the opportunity to take part in workshops offered at the Youth Hub in the next few years."

According to McConnell, since 2004 the Artist in the School and Community Program has offered hands-on arts experiences presented by local artists in dance, drama, music, painting, drawing, and pottery to the five elementary schools in Haliburton County. This past school year there were 64 workshops in total. Formerly the Artist in the School program, it was re-named to include community so it can reach more than just elementary schools. The Arts Council through Artist in the School and Community Program has partnered with the new Youth Hub and will offer workshops to an older demographic, including participants from 12 to 25 in the future.

Annika said working together closely over several events this year was never really a problem.

"We just think the same a lot of the time and we don't really argue about stuff because we pretty much agree on stuff. And even if we don't, we'll always decide on something," she said.

Her friend agreed and added, "If we have any disagreements we'll just figure it out and we'll both be happy about the outcome."

They both love how arts can be calming, offering a



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 7 students Autumn Winder, left, and Annika Posti raised close to \$500 for the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands Artist in the School and Community program. /DARREN LUM Staff

way to express feelings.

Before they started, the JDHES duo thought of giving their money to help those affected by flooding in Minden. Once it was known the flood wouldn't be as big a problem as they thought, they turned their attention to the arts, because of recent government cuts to education and the arts.

Their teacher Vandenhengel helped the students by facilitating their efforts, working out procedure and approvals. He was impressed by their actions and com-

mitment.

"I've worked with a lot of kids on fundraising over the years and I've never seen two kids like this," he said.

Vandenhengel said their teamwork was integral to their success.

"It's a special relationship in terms of how they bounce ideas off each other and are able to actually get things done ... They have the wherewithal to get it done," he said.



HSF actor donates hair

Above, Highlands teen Finnegan Tentrees shows off the nearly 12 inches of hair he had cut off to donate to the non-profit organization Wigs for Kids (wigsforkids.ca), which provides wigs free to children 18 and under who have experienced hair loss for medical reasons. Finnegan, who is an ensemble character in the upcoming Highlands Summer Festival production *Mary Poppins* has been growing his hair out for close to eight years and always knew he would donate it. He said, "While I myself was mocked for having long hair, the irony behind kids being made fun of for lack thereof was not lost on me."

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Marie Hodgson reflects on decades at Wee Care

JENN WATT

Editor

Over the last 33 years, Marie Hodgson has watched Wee Care grow up, from the small business she created in 1986 to the bustling daycare it is today.

Now, she says, it's time to retire as administrator and let other staff take the lead as the centre continues to mature – though to her it doesn't feel like retiring.

"I don't like using that word [retiring] for Wee Care because I feel like it really hasn't been work; I've really enjoyed it," she says.

Marie was 23 years old and newly graduated from university when she opened Wee Care in a rented house in Haliburton. It had enough space for eight children.

For the first year, she was the only staff member. Her husband, Chris, was at that time a real estate agent and would lend a hand when he could.

"Chris used to come during the lunch hour when the kids were having their lunches and he would sit and talk to the kids so I could get up and use the wash-room or whatever because I was there on my own," Marie says.

She offered a nursery school with morning and afternoon care. Before Wee Care came along, parents in Haliburton mostly relied on the few childcare providers who worked out of their homes or on neighbours and family members. She says the childcare providers were experienced with good reputations, but didn't meet the demand.

After two years in business, there was a waiting list and two staff members. Marie and Chris decided it was time to expand. They bought the County Road 21 property



Marie Hodgson, right, is retiring after 33 years at Wee Care, handing over the administrative duties to Denise Wolm, left. Hodgson started Wee Care in 1986 when she was 23 years old with eight kids in her care. Today, the daycare is a not-for-profit caring for up to 58. /JENN WATT Staff

where the centre operates today and over a six-week period in 1988 they renovated a garage into a daycare.

The Hodgsons had also just welcomed the first of their children into the world, months before moving into the new building.

"For the first year of operation, I didn't make any money. I didn't have a salary, so I basically made enough money to have supplies for the program, we could pay the rent. ... The second year, I was able to pay myself a little bit," Marie says.

In order to qualify for grants to renovate the daycare and to hire staff and provide subsidies for parents, in 1988 Wee Care became a not-for-profit corporation with a board of directors. Five years later, after school care at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School was added to their services.

Today there are between 52 to 58 children who are cared for by Wee Care and

14 staff members, with the potential of another three to four, if they're successful in moving ahead with an expansion for infant care, says Denise Wolm, who is taking on the administrative role at the daycare.

"I have a waiting list with 30 children on it and I'd say 70 per cent of those children are infant age that I can only, at this point, take two children in my toddler room between the age of 12 and 18 months and some of those parents have to go back to work even before their child is 12 months old," Wolm says.

With the new project on the horizon, Marie says the time was right to "retire" from Wee Care.

"We're so busy right now and we're talking about expanding our program and that's going to take a lot of effort and focus. I know Denise has been excited about doing it," Marie says.

Marie has been working remotely for many years, since relocating to Markham with her family more than 20 years ago.

"In 1997, Chris had been working in the city for almost four years because he was elected [as MPP] and he was in the cabinet. I was living up here with our four children at that time and he was there. We decided that I should move to have the family all together," she says.

To make it work, Marie's job was divided into two roles: the supervisor for the day-to-day operations, which was assumed by Wolm, and the administrator to deal with the government reports, billing, and accounting.

Marie says watching children grow into adults and bring their own kids in to Wee Care has been one of the most rewarding parts of the job. Some kids have grown up to work at the daycare or serve on its board, including Tanya Cowen who was first a co-op student in high school and is now taking on supervisory duties.

Board members Ryan Wood and Chris Bishop were both first kids at Wee Care. Connie Wood, Ryan's mother, was one of the first board members.

Marie says she now intends to channel her energies into her son Clayton's business, CoHo Apparel, where she says she can put her bookkeeping skills to work.

She's thankful to the community and to the staff for the last 33 years.

"It started so long ago; the community just embraced me and took a chance and sent their children to Wee Care, not really knowing who I was," she says.

"Staff have done such a great job. ... It's been their reputation and they've all taken it to heart and offered a great service over the years."

Marie is retiring on June 28.

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JDHES students give to SickKids

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Love is at the heart of why two J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students donated money to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Grade 7 students Macie Hunter and Allie Todd, both of Haliburton, organized a fundraising draw at the school for three themed baskets for 10 days, starting on April 30.

The friends were so committed to raising money for the Toronto-based hospital that they were able to overcome their feelings of shyness, taking to the microphone for daily announcements over the 10 days.

Allie is receiving care from SickKids for a fracture in her back.

"It's very important to help kids because if you look at how good your life is and want to make sure every kid has an amazing life, don't just be selfish. Think of other kids around you and not just yourself," Allie said.

With their parents, they presented a \$216 cheque on June 7 to the Hospital for Sick Children.

The Grade 7 student appreciates what she has and values her friendship with organizing partner, Macie.

"I have my parents, but I really want a friend who is always going to be there for me. Especially when I grow up too, I know I have somebody to talk to. Sometimes you don't always want to talk to your parents. I know I have Macie to talk to," she said.

Allie's father, Steve Todd, owns Todd's Independent Grocer and supported her by providing prize items.

Macie and Allie hope their actions will inspire younger students to take the initiative to raise money for other worthy causes. They are already thinking of fundraisers for next year and are considering giving to animal shelters next year.

Macie said she was grateful for the support they received from their peers and other participants. The success is owed to them.



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 7 students Allie Todd, left, and Macie Hunter recently donated \$216 from a fundraiser draw they organized this spring. With parents, the students presented their donation on June 7 to Kim O'Callaghan, donor care co-ordinator at the Sick Kids Foundation in Toronto. /DARREN LUM Staff

"Everyone in our school helped support us a lot 'cause we didn't believe how much money we raised. We never expected that," she said. "This is our first time

doing any fundraiser and anything. We didn't expect anything that much. Just a lot of support from our school."

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Living Libations opens

Living Libations, the Haliburton-based botanical health and beauty product business has realized a dream. Founded by couple Nadine Artemis and Ron Obadia, Living Libations held a by-invitation grand opening on Thursday, June 20 of their 20,000 square foot facility, which took a few years to complete. It serves as their headquarters, located on Harburn road. The business started from a Toronto apartment.



The exterior of the Living Libations headquarters.



Living Libations' owners Ron Obadia, left, and Nadine Artemis gave thanks to the many people involved with helping them. They provided tours of the three floor building, which includes a boutique, a solarium, and outdoor patios on the second and third floor with a view of the Highlands. The event included a ribbon cutting ceremony, opening presentation, shopping, chocolate tasting, book signing and dancing on the rooftop patio. The company is among the largest employers in the county with 40 employees.



Above, the "Shipping Stars" room. Right, the rooftop solarium. Left, the "Grand Gallery" where the boutique and orders are filled out. Natural light fills the room.



A view from the top floor patio. This is the first certified commercial passive solar building in Canada, said owner Nadine Artemis previously told the **Echo**. The passive house design uses voluntary building standards for greater efficiency in terms of heating and cooling, and has a smaller ecological footprint.

Katie's Run returns for eighth year despite heavy heart

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Named for Katie Woudstra, Katie's Run has been at the forefront of raising awareness for epilepsy and fundraising for epilepsy research in this province, raising \$250,000 in eight years.

Every year the event has a theme. This year's theme is loss.

Woudstra's mother Geri said Katie chose the theme following the death of the "love of her life" Levi VandenBrink, who died in a plane crash last summer. He was 23.

"Even in the realm of epilepsy there's a lot of loss. Loss of freedom. Loss of independence. Loss of jobs. Loss of friends. Katie's lost all her friends ... we're encouraging people to share about that topic," she said. "When [people] talk about epilepsy, living with epilepsy so they are feeling not alone ... I think that breeds hope too. That's why she chose loss this year. Just to get people talking and sharing."

Past themes were the moms of epilepsy, and sudden unexplained death in epilepsy.

People living with epilepsy don't always talk about it and the brain disorder is often misunderstood.

"Getting people to talk is huge," Woudstra said.

Organizers expect upwards of 300 participants for the event in Haliburton on July 6, which will include some 80 volunteers working towards meeting a \$50,000 goal.

Woudstra said last year the event raised \$47,000 and then added several thousand after the event in VandenBrink's name after he died.

"Our good friends the Hansens, Rick (Man in Motion), Amanda and family, wished to do something to honour the life of Levi VandenBrink, their friend and the love of Katie's life. In loving memory and with the direction of Levi's family, [a generous donation] was donated towards epilepsy research through Katie's Run," said a press release.

The Pogue family started the run to raise money in Katie's name.

Part of the success of the fundraiser is due to how each participant raises money in the name of a loved one with epilepsy.

"We've got all these pockets of people all around Ontario fundraising on our behalf and rallying around their loved ones," she said.

There is an undeniable special energy at the event, she said.

"There's a magic that happens when people come together for a cause. That's why people are travelling so far to be here because they usually have a loved one living with epilepsy," she said. "They're coming up here, enjoying a day together. It's a magical atmosphere. It's fun. It's inspiring and that family member feels supported. They feel hope."

Woudstra serves on an advisory committee with the Ontario Brain Institute's research wing known as Eplink. Money raised from Katie's Run contributes to a specific area that is chosen by the event's organizers.

"Therefore we can follow up and check in and meet the researchers. Visit the facilities. Get a report on how things are going," she said.

Two years ago the money went to cover the salary of a research assistant, who they visited, and got to see the work.

"So often you put money into a research pot you have no idea what's going to happen to it," she said.

Woudstra said the event helps connect families and those with epilepsy.

"I get emails all throughout the year and we follow up with these families all throughout the year and we offer up support, networking, or connect families to other families," she said.

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There's a magic that happens when people come together for a cause.

— Geri Woudstra



Event namesake Katie Woudstra, left, thanks participants and volunteers for making last year's Katie's Run a success. The event has grown tremendously over the years and now includes hundreds of participants. Money raised goes to fund epilepsy research. This year's event will be held outside the high school in Haliburton. /File photo

"There is a ripple effect that goes far beyond the day," she said.

The run includes a flat and fast five-kilometre or 10-kilometre Rail Trail run and a family-friendly 2.5-kilometre walk/run, which includes those with pets, using a wheelchair or stroller.

Special guests for the event include Global's chief meteorologist Anthony Farnell and Storm the Weather Dog as guest MC and auctioneer and Miss Canada 2019, Christine Jamieson, who will be a participant and speaker with epilepsy. This year's event also features a silent auction and live auction.

The live auction prizes include a Matt Duchene NHL jersey, and a trip for two provided by Westjet airlines.

Woudstra encourages spectators to come and show their support.

"It's fun just to sit at the finish line and cheer people on and watch them run over that finish line and feel like they accomplished something, right? Or the smiles on family's faces," she said.

She said it wouldn't be possible without the support of local businesses, who donate items for auctions or help to sponsor.

Many of the event's participants are from out of town, which Woudstra said is a boost to the local economy. "We're encouraging them to come and explore," she

said.

Katie's Run takes place on Saturday, July 6 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field at the high school. Set against Head Lake, lined by trees along the shore, it's a beautiful setting for the event.

"It's worth the drive to come out here," Woudstra said.

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Wind in their sails: youth program set to inspire

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When Tom Oliver speaks about sailing, it's like listening to instructions on how to create a state of internal calm. Sailing takes him to a figurative and literal different world where he can find peace and calm.

Oliver, a Haliburton resident, is working with a team of volunteers who comprise the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association, which is addressing youth mental health through sailing.

"It's a good way to clear your mind and get yourself into a different mind state and experience the beauty of this area. ... I don't think there is a better way of experiencing Haliburton than getting on the water and just seeing it from that perspective. I know in my heart that has the potential to help these kids in whatever way it is, whether it's team building, whether it's getting them into a different head space, whether it's teaching them a skill that empowers them and makes them feel like they can do things that they didn't previously think they would be able to do," he said.

The first year will be a pilot year for the program, based on CANSail, which teaches sailing and fosters a lifelong passion for the sport. Oliver describes the curriculum, as a "condensed" version with focus on boat safety, boat parts and the basics of sailing.

"We hope this thing goes the long run and we help a lot of kids. Any kid we help will be better than nothing," he said.

Area resident Robin Carmount is cred-



This summer, youth will learn how to sail on Twelve Mile Lake courtesy of the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association, which is working to address growing youth mental health concerns in Haliburton County. Organizers are not just introducing young people to the sport, they are helping them build confidence through sailing. /DARREN LUM Staff

ited with the idea. Carmount started and helped to maintain after-school recreation drop-ins in Wilberforce and Minden, which provide students with a safe space for physical activity and an opportunity for older kids to take on a leadership role.

Carmount started sailing two years ago, learning on his own. He said it is great individually or done in a group.

Sailing is a natural fit for the Highlands, which boasts thousands of lakes. "You can't hit a golf ball anywhere in this county without hitting water. We have an

ample supply of lakes," he said.

Oliver, Carmount and a group of mentors will volunteer theoretical as well as hands-on sailing instruction to participants from eight to 24 years old. A volunteer board of directors, which includes Kawartha North Family Health Team executive director Marina Hodson; and Four County Crisis Canadian Mental Health Association, HKPR case manager Andrew Hodson; will lead these initiatives. HCYSA is operating in partnership with the family health team, a charitable organization.

HCYSA said while similar programs have been shown to improve mental health outcomes, there is no current funding available and all expenses are paid for by donations. Donations are used to direct service delivery with all administration being donated by volunteers.

The program is based at the Twelve Mile Lake at the Red Umbrella Inn on Highway 35 several minutes north of Minden. Oliver said the owner of the inn, Ziad Halash, has offered the use of his property and facility. Everyone involved with the program is thankful to Halash, he said.

"He has just paved the road for this to be successful," he said.

Halash said he hopes the program will give youth a place to meet and have fun.

"I thought to myself that's the least that we could do for our community," he wrote in an email.

Oliver has experienced mental health issues and feels strongly there isn't enough for those suffering.

"My empathy for people struggling mentally is to a level that there's nothing actually I think I care about as much as this," he said. "It's something that I want to support and feel the need to be addressed."

Sailing can build friendships and team skills, enhance communication skills and build confidence.

This program isn't exclusively for participants with mental health issues, as it is also about offering an opportunity to sail.

"What we want to do is make sure that if there were anybody that would otherwise not have access to this - it could simply be money - we'd remove that barrier and then we'd make it possible for them to come. Even to the extent we'll arrange to get them picked up if they can't drive there. We just want to have absolutely no barriers that if somebody is in a spot where they wouldn't otherwise have been

able to experience this that we make sure to make it happen."

The association says the county "suffers disproportionately from the rest of Ontario in terms of food security, income and employment." Twenty-five per cent of children up to 17 years old live in low-income households; 20 to 30 per cent of residents do not have access to transportation; and 17 per cent of the population is considered low income, the association says.

Sailing is a sport that you can do all of your life unlike some other sports, which demand more physical abilities that diminish as you age. "Sailing you can do it until you die," Oliver said.

He has 20 years of coaching experience and has been on sailboats for much of his life.

Born in Southampton, England, when he was two weeks old he went on a trip to France in a recently completed yacht with his father, the boat builder. Every boat needed a "sea trial" to test the craft and no one else was available so Oliver made the journey with his father, but then threw up all over the deerskin leather interior during the journey.

"It cost him like 10,000 pounds on the other side so that was my first sailing experience," he said.

It wasn't long until he started to race small boats, coaching children and race teams. Sailing has allowed him to see the world, racing yachts and leading people on tourist adventures across the ocean. It gave him access to the most serene place in Toronto on Lake Ontario. He grew up in the east end of Toronto after his family immigrated to Georgetown.

For a time he also worked for Spartan Ocean Racing and Training, which provides people a chance to race, embark on ocean crossing journeys and receive training opportunities to improve skills on 60-foot yachts.

Getting to return to small boats is a welcome for Oliver, who began racing and coaching sailing with dingys. He said with his sailing instruction background, he's prepared to keep the program going even when the conditions aren't ideal on the water.

"If we got a day without wind, I'll still have them out on the water. We'll be doing all kinds of other things where I'll be teaching them things in just different ways," he said. "It could even be we're just drifting around and jumping off the water and swimming and having fun. Whatever it is. At the end of the day, if they're out on the water and they're having fun and everybody is in a good space, I figure we've done a good job. I don't need to teach every one of these [youth to] learn how to sail a boat around the world by themselves."

Volunteers are needed, particularly those with sailing experience. However, Oliver said, individuals without sailing experience are also welcome.

"We need volunteers as much as we need money," he said.

The list of things include driving participants, shore support and organization.

He doesn't imagine attracting a strong core of volunteers will be very difficult though.

"There's worse places to be than hanging out, you know at a nice place ... down by the water where a bunch of boats are sailing," he said.

For donations contact mindoverwater2019@gmail.com or 705-455-2876. Donations of \$25 or more will be provided with a charitable donation receipt. See www.mindoverwater.org for more information.

HHOA Family Fun Day

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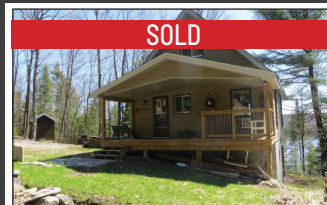
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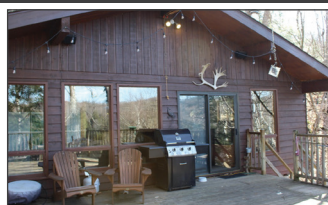
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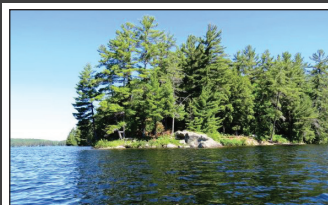
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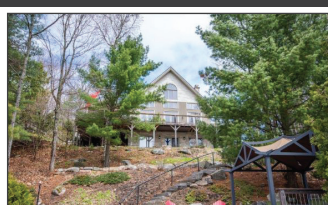
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Day spent collecting minnows and frogs

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make noise so as not to surprise any critters. In all our traipsing about we never encountered any wildlife, save for a porcupine or two up a tree.

One time, in the summer months, probably about 1953, Jack over at the bait-shop (which was sited beside what was then the Echo office, about where the Maple Avenue restaurant is now) talked my cousin Bob into checking out a few frog and minnow-

bait traps for him. Jack had laid traps in the upper reaches of Redstone Lake. I'm not sure how but somewhere we got a canoe and together with a team of two other canoes proceeded deep into the northern reaches of Little Redstone. We portaged over to Mac-

donald Lake, paddled to Clean Lake into Eyre Lake. Somewhere we spent a night on a nice sandy beach, probably on Clean Lake, our canoe tipped so we could get under them for shelter and light a smudge fire. We accidentally ran into my cousin Jack at the same beach who was older and coached us in how to face the back of the canoe to the north so we'd catch the early morning sun. We rallied early the next morning – starving, because we'd not planned ahead to pack a lunch (save for a pop and a quick slapped-together cheese sandwich). At east end of Eyre Lake, we half dragged, half paddled our canoes down a river, sometimes a shallow creek to the east end of Marsden Lake which we followed west to the next portage which would take us to Redstone Lake and home. One can follow this route today, I understand, as the area as a forest reserve has been left largely untouched since we were kids traipsing the area.

I don't remember how we actually returned to Haliburton from the area – but we must have. What I do remember is Bob giving me 50 cents which he swore was what Jack-the-bait-guy paid him for our full day of collecting minnows and frogs. I asked Jack the next day how much he'd given Bob; he said he gave Bob \$5 to split between us! Forty years later, as a direct result of getting ripped, when I came to the area to buy a house, two things I swore: I'd never buy in Minden and I'd never deal with my cousin Bob, who was in real estate. Turned out, I ate crow, because that was exactly what I did.

Ed Burke
Minden

The Night Sky

This week is a good time to spot a very elusive planet, Mercury. Little Mercury is the closest planet orbiting our sun and just as the speedy messenger of its namesake, it races around our home star in just 88 days.

Mercury and Venus are what we call inferior planets, meaning they orbit our sun inside the orbit of our own planet. Because of that, we can only see them just before sunrise or just after sunset when they are out to either side of the sun in their orbits. Mercury, because of its smaller orbit, never strays far from the sun while Venus with its larger orbit will sometimes hang for hours before the sun rises or after it sets.

This week Mercury has reached its greatest elongation from our sun on Sunday and so hangs low in the western sky after sunset. Find a clear view to the western horizon about a half hour after sunset and raise your fist at arm's length. Scan the sky for a small steady shining dot just above your fist. Binoculars will greatly help but it should show easily to the unaided eye. It will set quickly just before 11 p.m.

Jupiter and Saturn both shine all night, starting in the east and drifting towards the west with the stars. Venus still shines in the morning slowly moving closer to the sun and Mars is still visible in the west after sunset as a small reddish star.

The Haliburton Forest Astronomy program begins June 28 and runs weekly on Friday nights throughout the summer. For more information, visit www.haliburton-forest.com or call 1-800-631-2198.

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Army Cadet Corps meets for end of active year

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The 1129 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps took part in their annual inspection on June 15, bringing an end to a very busy year - so busy, you might have seen some of the members of the Corps, who are between 12 and 18, engaging in the program throughout the week.

On Sunday afternoons, they mountain bike, on Sunday evenings, they rock climb. On Monday nights they train with the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, and on Tuesday they attend their weekly meetings from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., engaging in orienteering programs, biathlon training, citizenship activities and learning the skills to camp, build shelters, filter water, start fires and survive in any situation. On Thursday nights, they study marksmanship.

"They don't have to do everything," said Corina (Hall) Mansfield, newly named commanding officer. "Some kids are really into marksmanship, some kids mountain biking, some do everything. It's based on their availability, their schedule, what they're able to do. We know how hard parents work to get kids to things, we try to make sure we're mindful of that, keep it local."

Besides the programming, local cadets also engage directly with the community, volunteering so steadfastly that it's not uncommon for them to accumulate the 40 mandatory volunteer hours required by the Ontario Ministry of Education within their first or second year of high school.



Corina (Hall) Mansfield, centre, became the commanding officer of the 1129 Haliburton Army Cadets Corps on June 15, after Dan Collings, left, stepped down from the position he held for 17 years. Mansfield said Collings had been "a huge influence" and "huge mentor" in her life. MP Jamie Schmale was also in attendance at the year-end annual inspection for local cadets./Photo submitted

"Our program, the way we offer it, has changed a little bit," said Mansfield. "There isn't a lot of 'army' in army cadets anymore, it's all expedition-based, basically. All the skills are the same, it's just a little bit different."

Mansfield said that although the program is funded by the Department of National Defence and the Army Cadet League, donations from community organizations also help make it available free of charge.

"The program's completely free for kids, and in a world where people are paying for ice time, and soccer cleats and every program under the sun, and driving all over the place, it's really refreshing to have a program that's professionally run by well-trained staff and insured by

the army and it's free."

The program attracts interested and motivated kids from a wide demographic, according to Mansfield.

"Finances are never going to be a determining factor as to whether or not a kid can be involved," she said. "Our kids are from all walks of life, it doesn't matter what your parents do for a living, it doesn't matter if your family has expendable income or not, you can come out and do all these programs."

Mansfield was a cadet herself from the age of 12 to 18, returning to the Corps as a civilian instructor and then as a cadet instructor after moving back to the area in 2008.

"I liked the program when I was a kid, it was a really big part of my life and it

gave me tons of opportunities," she said. "We have such a great group of kids [and] we can facilitate a fantastic opportunity for them in a really safe, and well-managed environment."

At that time, there were about 60 kids involved in the program, compared to just under 20 now.

"The program's in such a great place right now, the Corps is in such a great place," said Mansfield. "My goal is just to continue with what we're doing, make sure the program stays strong and that we can keep offering it, hopefully grow the Corps."

Dan Collings, who stepped down as longtime commanding officer at the June 15 year-end parade, told the *Echo* he had been wanting to move on to new challenges but wanted to ensure the Corps continued to excel in leadership and programs.

Collings has lived in Haliburton for almost 30 years, 26 of which he said were with the local Army Cadet Corps and 17 as commanding officer.

"Corina was a brand new cadet when I started here 'way back when,'" he said. "I have high hopes, expectations and confidence in her carrying the torch."

Collings said he wished the best to the Haliburton 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps as he pursued his next Canadian Forces posting.

"The last several years I could not have asked for a better bunch of cadets," he said. "Our current group is stellar - motivated, dedicated, committed, caring, respectful - like a family. I have so much affection and respect for them. They will be some of the best future leaders in any community they sink their roots."

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 - 9. Where scientists work
 - 13. Pretty flower
 - 14. A way to act
 - 15. Double-reed instrument
 - 16. Type of acid
 - 17. Famed astronomer
 - 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
 - 19. Profited from
 - 21. Secret clique
 - 22. Infections
 - 23. Crony
 - 24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)
 - 25. Suitable
 - 28. Fresh Price of ___ Air
 - 29. Ancient city of Egypt
 - 31. Basketball move
 - 33. Polished
 - 36. There's a north and a south
 - 38. Egg of a louse
 - 39. Once-ubiquitous department store
 - 41. Portray precisely
 - 44. Thick piece of something
 - 45. Period between eclipses
 - 46. Indicates near
 - 48. Investment account
- CLUES DOWN


 - 1. Draw out wool
 - 2. Give someone a job
 - 3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer
 - 4. Footsteps
 - 5. The Palmetto State
 - 6. Books have lots of them
 - 7. Diverse Israeli city
 - 8. It's mightier than the sword
 - 9. Confines
 - 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
 - 11. Idaho's highest peak
 - 12. Prevents from seeing
 - 14. Determine time
- 17. Father children
 - 20. Tab on a key ring
 - 21. Dog genus
 - 23. Peter's last name
 - 25. Request
 - 26. Walk heavily
 - 27. Allowances
 - 29. English football squad
 - 30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
 - 32. South Pacific island region
 - 34. Unaccounted for
 - 35. Small taste of whiskey
 - 37. Ventilated
 - 40. Helps little firms
 - 42. One of means
 - 43. Fencing swords
 - 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
 - 49. Turn upside down
 - 50. S. African semi desert
 - 52. Dutch names of Ypres
 - 53. Instruct
 - 55. Oily freshwater fish
 - 56. Italian river
 - 57. Sneaker giant
 - 58. The men who man a ship
 - 59. Some need glasses
 - 61. Body part
 - 65. Indicates position
- Answers on page 18

Murray Fearrey gave to the organization when he was mayor of Dysart et al. "He has been a steadfast supporter of shoreline protection, septic re-inspection and he's been always there for advice for me," said Paul MacInnes, chair of CHA, during a special presentation at the association's annual general meeting. CHA protected an acre of land in the Dahl Forest in perpetuity in his name. Fearrey said that the municipality had tackled several environmental issues over the years that have kept lakes clean, including passing bylaws prohibiting

boathouses and creating building setbacks on lakefront properties. He said he saw proliferation of Canada geese and seagulls as an issue that needed immediate attention from local councils. "We have to be tougher on people with grass right to the lake," Fearrey said, since this practice encourages geese. The landfills are contributing to concentrated seagull populations, he said. "They feed at the landfill site and then by the hundreds now they go to Drag Lake and Kashag and I'm sure some of the other lakes."



Murray Fearrey, left, was recognized by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, represented by chair Paul MacInnes, on June 8 for his support of the organization as the longtime mayor of Dysart et al. /JENN WATT Staff



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Thursday, July 11th, 2019
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2019-004 – Dietrich

- Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage on a lot located in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback from Reg's Trail of 16 metre (52.5 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 4.8 metres (16 feet).
- Location: Part Lot 8, Concession 7, Parts 4 to 6, 19R-2234, in the geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Reg's Trail – Drag Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



There were plenty of lobsters served at the annual Lobsterfest.



A feast of lobster for fest

Volunteers spent at least a couple hours preparing 150 lobsters (cracking claws, cutting and steaming) for the annual Lobsterfest on Saturday, June 22 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. About 125 people attended the Rotary Club of Haliburton's event, which included a silent and live auction of 27 items. Lobsterfest raises money for community projects and initiatives including scholarships and the Head Lake Park bandshell./DARREN LUM Staff



Rotary Club of Haliburton president Ted Brandon addresses the crowd.



A berry good time

Above, two-year-old Marina McGowan of Minden was among those who enjoyed the buffet of food at the Strawberry Social Open House at YMCA Wanakita on Sunday, June 23. Several hundred people attended the annual event, which includes a tour of the property and use of facilities and outdoor equipment such as high ropes course and kayaks./DARREN LUM Staff

Right, there was plenty of food, including strawberry shortcake.





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100 Women Who Care Summer Meeting
When: Wednesday June 26
Where: The Dominion Hotel, Dining Room, Minden
Time: Social and Registration 6:30 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.
We are 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County, we meet three times a year for one hour to raise money for local charities. Since we began we have raised nearly \$39,000 for local Haliburton charities. Why not come and see how we do it - it's awesome and fun.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Halls Island Artist Residency Community Session 1 - "Finding Yourself and Your Transformed Identity Through the Outdoors"
When: Thursday, June 27, 7 to 8 p.m.
Where: YMCA Camp Wanakita, 1883 Koshlong Lake Rd, Haliburton
Join us to learn how outdoor education leads to individual development, resilience, and gaining a strong sense of identity, and how watercolour painting can be used as a means to engage in critical reflection while on adventure trips. Ryan Kasperowitsch is a Doctoral Candidate with Brock University working on a dissertation at the intersection of Outdoor Adventure Education and Art-based Inquiry and is studying Transformational and Experiential Learning Theories. Ryan will be the first participant in the new Halls Island Artist Residency program. (part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and partially funded by Haliburton County Development Corporation)
Admission by donation
If you plan to attend, for planning purposes please email Joan at hallsislandartistresidency@gmail.com

Celebrate Canada Historic Places Day
When: July 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum

Soyers Lake Ratepayers' Association Annual General Meeting
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Celebrating music, longtime community members

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west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
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By the time this goes to print, St. George's Choir Concert will have taken place, thanks to Bill Gliddon's rehearsals with us. Thanks also to Canoe FM's coverage of the mini rehearsal broadcast live on June 17. Besides Bill's accompaniment these musicians also participated that morning: Luba Cargill, violin, Wayne Cooper and Brenda Gallant. Who could resist the excellence of these performers? Besides the choir's three selections, Hugh Taylor's trumpet is heard, solos (or duets) from Lindsey Coates, Christopher Chumbley, Shirley Barker, Ella Carl on piano, Adrien Petric, guitar, Gabe Petric, and Becca and the Rev. Ken McClure. Great to be part of this fine musical offering.

We have lost another senior of our community in the person of Eileen (Barry) Stamp whose family and friends assembled at her funeral on Monday, June 17 at Monk's in Minden. Many of the Barry family as well as the Stamps and their connections remember Eileen so fondly. Eulogy by Brenda and Robin was thoughtfully presented, Robin adding the musical touch of her fine voice and Brenda the sharing of the somewhat darker days endured by her mother.

Another gone from our midst, from the Irish Line is Casey Somerville, long time resident and fondly remembered also by family and friends. Our sympathy goes to all concerned in both bereavements from the community.

Valerie and Ken Chumbley have just returned from their motor trip to Calgary. On their time there they visited Ken's cousin. They report beautiful weather especially in Manitoba.

Alan and Beth Cooper from Orillia and St. Catharines respectively, spent a family day on June 22 with Kathleen Owens and me.

We look forward eagerly to July 1 celebrations at the Centre. See you there!

Join Canada Day celebrations in Highlands East

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wilberforce
Hilda Clark
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Canada Day celebrations in Wilberforce will be held at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre this year. At noon there will be a flag raising at the front of the centre followed by music and refreshments inside.

At 1 p.m. at the curling club there will be a variety of big games and Rocks and Rings. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available in that area. Drop by the open house at the Fire Hall too.

Throughout Canada Day celebrations are planned for Highland Grove, Cardiff, Tory Hill and Gooderham. Have fun celebrating our country.

Work on the Outpost Museum's exterior continues with weather always a factor. The museum will be staffed for inside tours beginning Wednesday, July 3, until Labour Day Saturday - open daily except Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Several from this area greatly enjoyed St. George's Haliburton's spring concert last weekend. What fine performances of music from Sacred to Broadway by very talented musicians. Thanks especially to Bill Gliddon for producing this annual concert and participating fully in the program.

Casey Somerville died peacefully on June 14, 2019 at his home in West Guilford with his family beside him. Casey was in his 79th year. Sympathy is extended to his wife Eileen and all of his family and friends.

Casey was the youngest son of Ralph and Annis (Hughey) and brother of Eddie, Nellie, Harvey, Charlotte

and Stanley. When Casey and Stanley were very young, the sudden death of their father meant a move to Haliburton was necessary. Later when Aunt Annis married widower John Morrison they moved to West Guilford. Our family greatly missed our aunt and cousins. When the telephone finally came to our area mother enjoyed conversations with her sister.

After a graveside service at the Essonville cemetery the reception at the Legion in Wilberforce was a time of remembering Casey, recalling happy times especially when he sang and played his beloved guitar. He enjoyed life in Haliburton after years of work in Oshawa. Rest in peace, cousin.

It was good to welcome the Rev. Margaret Milne back to assist at the service at St. Margaret's last Sunday.

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A slight gasp, wide eyes and even arms raised in joy. How special for Haliburton and District Lions Club members: Tina Hadley, Ann McIvor, Betty Mills, David Mills and Gail Stelter as they enjoyed the reaction of the junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children at Cardiff Elementary when children were told that all the new books lining the shelf would be theirs; theirs to choose, theirs to take home; theirs forever. And, two days later Lions Gail and Ann, joined by Lion Jenny Miller visited Wilberforce Elementary to repeat the giveaway with students in Grades 4 to 8.

The Haliburton and District Lions Club is committed to its uniquely local Reading Action Program that strives to put books in the hands of children. Over the past several years this has included many projects and community events such as new books for the children who attend the free Lions Children's Christmas Party; new books at the 2017 Sesquicentennial Celebration: Stories in the Park; and, books at their Little Free Library in West Guilford. The Lions know that their reading action service is very important and look forward to sharing even more new projects coming on board in the months ahead. Nevertheless, the interaction with the children at Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools is a great highlight of the program and a joyful outing for all involved!

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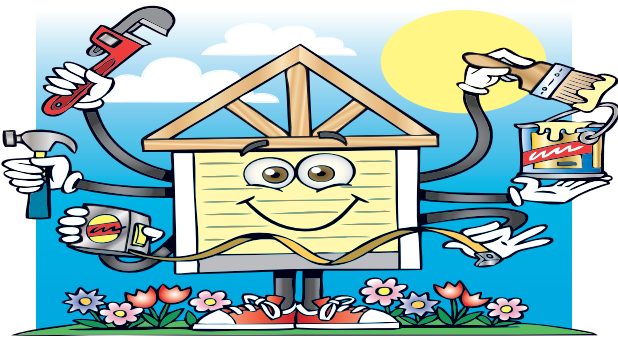
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Thank you to Megan and Nathan who worked so meticulously on the power point presentation that captioned Mom's life. A special thanks to nurses Laura and Tammy for their kindness and understanding during those last difficult hours. We received many delicious meals, flowers, cards, donations, helping hands and prayers to help transition us through the last few weeks.

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Freeman, Lois Jean (nee Robertson)

July 23, 1924 – May 22, 2019
Burlington, ON

The family of Lois Freeman announces her passing in her 95th year. Lois was predeceased by her husband, William Freeman in 1985.

Lois was born and raised in Haliburton. At various times during the late 1940's – early 50's, Lois and Bill owned and operated the Edge Water Beach Lodge on Lake Kashagawigamog and in the village of Haliburton, the Highlander Hotel. They built the F & B 5-10 cent store (with business partner, Bill Borden) in what was known as the Bank of Montreal Building.

Lois was predeceased by older siblings Elwin (Mary), Dorothy and Ivy (Bob). She leaves her much loved younger sister, Victoria (Bob predeceased). Aunt Lois leaves many nieces and nephews, Sheltons, Simpsons and Dunsmores.

Lois loved kids and the "critters" of this world. Music was her passion. For many years she volunteered in the The Brant nursing home, playing piano and guitar.

A funeral service and interment has taken place.



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THE BOYS OF SUMMER:

Baseball may be serious business for the Toronto Blue Jays, but for these young Haliburton t-ball players, it's all fun and games.

Gathering in the field near the elementary school is a favourite ritual of summer. Join these young sluggers on pages 10 and 11 of this week's Echo.

Rules of the waves:

■ New licensing and equipment laws elicit groans

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Whether you want to putter around a small Highlands lake in your Surfmaster or cross the Atlantic in a racing sailboat, you'll have to know the same rules of the waves.

This is just one of the aspects of the new federal boating regulations which elicited groans from the 75 people attending the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association meeting on Saturday morning.

Rather than have people right different competency tests for different types of boating licences, it will be one test fits all, Minden OPP officer Dave Trepanier told association members at their annual general meeting at the Minden Wild Water Reserve.

"It's going to be a nightmare

as it is so the Coast Guard has to make the test as international as possible," he said.

Despite his training in marine safety, and a 12-hour course he's taking to become eligible to teach a course on the new rules, the veteran officer says when the time comes for him to write the test for his boating competency test, "I'll be studying my book."

Under the rules which came into effect April 1, anyone who wants to operate a boat will have to pass the test in order to get their licence. Boat operators born after April 1, 1983 have to get their operator competency licence by September 15. If your boat is less than four metres in length, you'll need a licence by 2002 and everyone else will need one by 2009.

"By the year 2009 I'll be too old to drive a boat," an older

woman said in mock relief at not having to write the test.

There was another groan when Trepanier went over some of the new equipment requirements.

One man with a Lazer sailboat, which doesn't have a cockpit, asked where he was going to store the now-mandatory 15 metres of heavy buoyant line, a manual propelling device (a paddle, or in exchange, a tethered anchor), a bailer or manual water pump and a sound signalling device (if it's a whistle, it must be "pealess").

Even people on windsurfers will need that equipment unless they are wearing their certified personal flotation device.

Others at the meeting added up the cost of installing the proper lights on their boat if they want to be out on the lake

See Rule page 7

Sex clinic a go at HHSS

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's high school will sell condoms in student washrooms and open a clinic aimed at curbing teen pregnancies when classes resume after the summer break.

Students will be able to buy condoms from vending machines in one bathroom for boys and one bathroom for girls.

They'll also be able to obtain other methods of birth control and discuss ways of preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases with physicians and public health nurses at the clinic.

Trustees with the district school board approved the proposal at their meeting last week, calling it "a unique approach to sexual health."

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SOYERS LAKE \$499,000



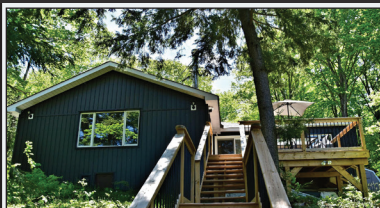
Yr round home/cottage. 2 acres lot. 344 ft of frontage. 3 BR, 1 bath open concept living. Bright eat-in kitchen, sunken living room w/ cathedral ceilings. Over-sized single garage.

LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE \$734,500



Bright & spacious 3 BR, 2 bath cottage. Fulfills all your wants & needs for year-round cottaging. Custom built kitchen, pine cathedral ceilings, large deck. Excellent swimming and boating. Southern Exposure, child friendly lot.

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$558,000



Renovated 3BR, 2 bath home/cottage. Open concept kitchen/ dining/living. Wood cabinetry. Beautiful lake view. 90 ft of frontage. VERY private. Turn key. Northwestern exposure.

TWELVE MILE LAKE \$569,969



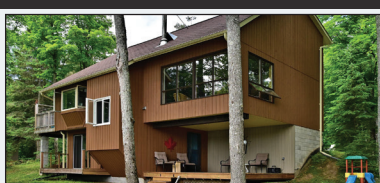
A million dollar view! Nice and bright custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home across the road from Twelve Mile Lake. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes. Finished to perfection.

GRASS LAKE \$675,000



Paradise found! Stunning 4BR, 2 bath year-round home/ cottage. Close to Haliburton Village. Oak cabinetry, large windows & more. 625 ft of frontage. Panoramic lake views.

SOYERS LAKE \$739,000



3BR, 2 bath home/cottage, 10 minutes from all amenities. Pine ceilings throughout, open concept kitchen and many upgrades. Private lot with level grassed area- great for kids. Stunning lake views, Large sitting dock at waters edge.

WOODS ROAD \$475,000



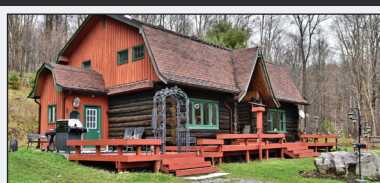
Beautiful country home minutes from Haliburton Village. Oak flooring, red pine ceilings. Large deck over looking Barnum lake. 3 BR, 3 bath home.

BURNT RIVER \$488,000



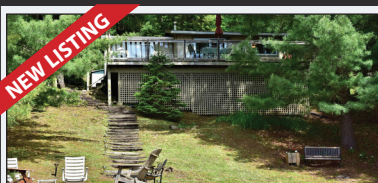
Log home with the perfect amount of country charm! 3 BR, 3 bath home fronting on Burnt River. Southern views. Wraparound deck. Built in appliances.

CARROLL ROAD \$559,500



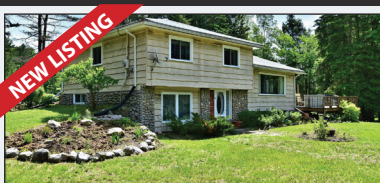
Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. .92 acres. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood shed and garden shed.

CONTAU LAKE \$379,000



Private 3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage with 110 ft of frontage. Bright open concept living. Level to gentle slop lot. 10X10 flawless gazebo.

COUNTY ROAD 21 \$335,000



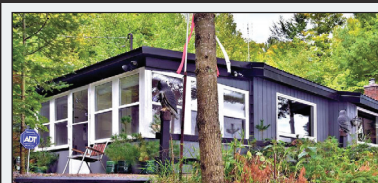
Cute and cozy 3BR, 2 bath multi-level home. Minutes from Haliburton Village. Beautifully treed lot. Double detached drive-thru garage.

HALIBURTON LAKE \$649,000



Looking for the perfect family cottage to use year-round? Look no further. Bright open concept 3BR, 1 bath. Level lot. Large grassed area. Many upgrades.

PAUDASH LAKE \$609,000



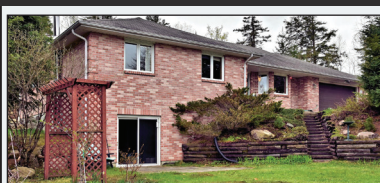
Perfect year-round home/cottage. Private 4BR, 2 bath sits on waters edge. Hard sand beach. Southern views, many upgrades and meticulously cared for.

HORSESHOE LAKE \$399,000



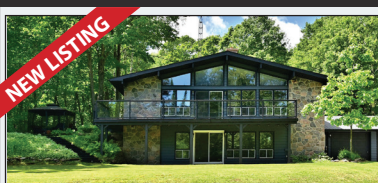
You can't beat this lake view! Gorgeous sand beach. 3 BR, 1 bath cottage. Open concept living. Main flr laundry. Massive deck Stunning South Eastern views.

EAGLE LAKE ROAD \$449,000



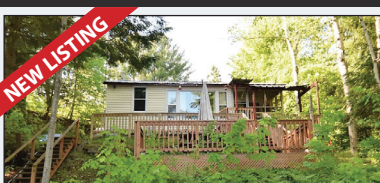
Enjoy privacy and nature! 3BR, 3 bath brick home. Minutes from West Guilford. Large master BR w/ 4pc ensuite. Double attached garage. Small private pond.

WIGAMOG ROAD \$649,000



3 BR country home close to Haliburton Village. Many upgrades include granite counter tops, new bathrooms, flooring and more. Lrg deck, gazebo and manicured lawn.

HALIBURTON LAKE \$335,000



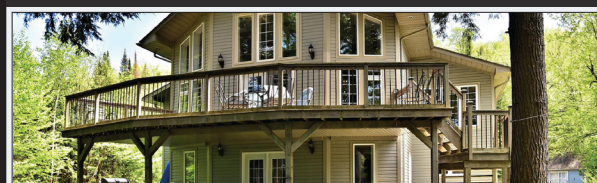
Traditional 3BR 4 season cottage. Southern views, sunny lot and sandy cove. Boathouse w/ BR and living area. Private lot. Great fishing and boating.

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CONTAU LAKE ROAD 3.91 AC \$49,000
CONTAU LAKE LOT 1.33 AC \$179,000

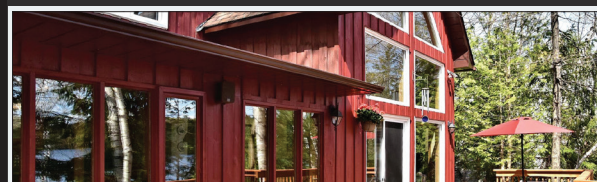


Drag Lake \$ 899,00



Peace and tranquility! 10 minutes from Haliburton Village. 3BR, 3 bath year-round home/cottage. Quiet bay. Large open concept 2 1/2 storey home w/ finished loft.

Kennisis Lake \$839,000



Breathtaking Southern views! 4BR, 2 bath. 2 storey home/cottage. Year-round access. Sloping lot w/ stone steps to waters edge and dock. Move in and enjoy.

Otter Lake \$1,080,000



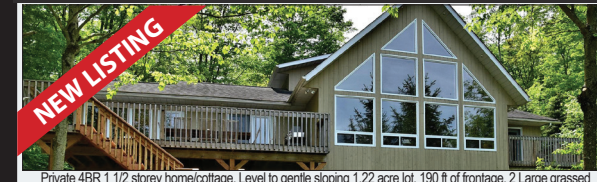
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Grass Lake \$1,120,000



Location, Location, Location! 4BR, 4bath home/cottage. Large sunny lot. 100+ ft of frontage. Massive 80ft deck. High quality finishing's. Many upgrades.

Soyers Lake \$1,399,000



Private 4BR 1 1/2 storey home/cottage. Level to gentle sloping 1.22 acre lot. 190 ft of frontage. 2 Large grassed areas. Shallow sand beach. 5 Lake chain. Stone fireplace, finished loft and much more.

Basshamit Lake \$888,000



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Colbourne Lake \$999,000



25 acres of matured trees with 300 ft of frontage. 4 bedroom, 2 bath log home/cottage. Stunning open concept living, engineered hardwood flooring, Wraparound covered deck, private boat launch, Heated workshop, bunkie and century log cabin.